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30 December 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ESTIMATES GROUP, ORE

FROM: WESTERN EUROPE BRANCH

SUBJECT: ORE 64

REFERENCE: (a) ITS MEMORANDUM OF 24 DECEMBER 1947  
ENCLOSING CRITICISM OF ORE 64.

Reference (a) is hereby returned because its  
vagueness and uncertain representation of departmental  
policy render it entirely unacceptable.

No useful purpose is discernible in the conference  
concerning Reference (a) and the suggestion is therefore  
rejected because the cautious attitude which has become  
characteristic of OIR offers no basis for fruitful negotiations.

Enclosed, are two (2) copies of WE's final draft  
of ORE 64 which represents the coordinated views of CIA, Army,  
Navy and Air, the last three of which are enthusiastic about  
CIA's estimate.

In view of the foregoing, it is strongly recommended  
that a copy of ORE 64 be forwarded to the Department of State,  
for such action as it may deem advisable, with a request that  
the anticipated dissent be in ORE's hands not later than  
7 January 1948 since publication will then have been delayed by  
the Department of State for thirteen (13) days over and above  
the time allotted to all supporting agencies.

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Chief  
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Enclosures: (2)